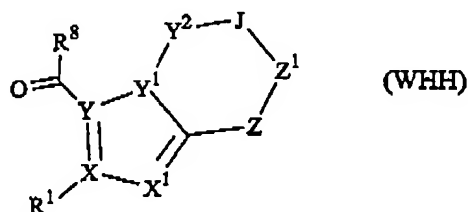


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Previously presented) A compound of Formula (WHH)



wherein

R^1 is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} thioalkyl, cyano, halo, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkylene- C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl or C_{3-6} alkynyl;
 R^8 is $O-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-N(CH_3)(OCH_3)$;

X is C;

Y is C;

X^1 is N;

Y^1 is N;

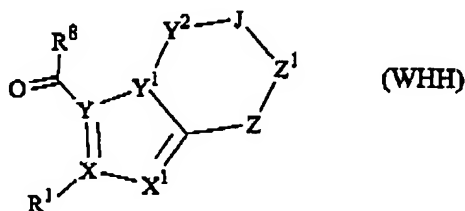
Y^2 is CH_2 ;

J is CH_2 or a bond;

Z^1 is CH_2 or $C(O)$; and

Z is N-V, wherein V is phenyl, 2-pyridyl or 3-pyridyl substituted with two to three of the same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-6} thioalkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, halogen, $N(C_{1-4}alkyl)_2$ and CN.

2. (Previously presented) A process for preparing a compound of Formula (WHH)



wherein

R^1 is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} thioalkyl, cyano, halo,

C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkylene- C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl or C_{3-6} alkynyl;

R^8 is $O-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-N(CH_3)(OCH_3)$;

X is C;

Y is C;

X^1 is N;

Y^1 is N;

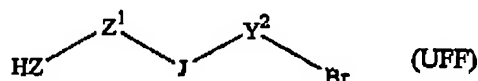
Y^2 is CH_2 ;

J is CH_2 or a bond;

Z^1 is CH_2 or $C(O)$; and

Z is N-V, wherein V is phenyl, 2-pyridyl or 3-pyridyl substituted with two to three of the same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-6} thioalkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, halogen, $N(C_{1-4}alkyl)_2$ and CN;

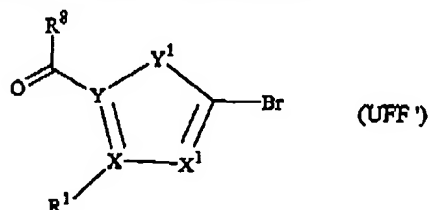
comprising reacting a compound of Formula (UFF)



wherein

Z, Z^1 , J and Y^2 are defined as for Formula (WHH);

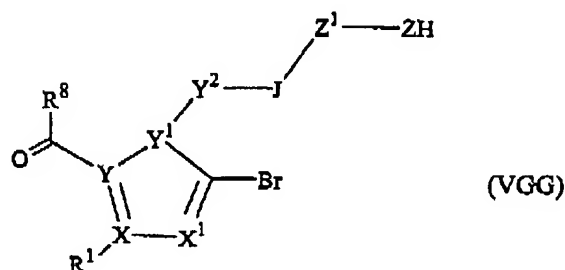
with a compound of Formula (UFF')



wherein

R^1 , R^8 , X, Y, X^1 and Y^1 are defined as for Formula (WHH);

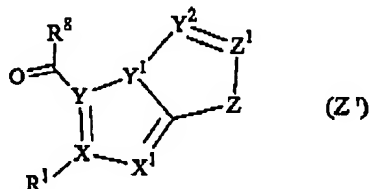
in the presence of a suitable base and polar aprotic solvent to yield a compound of Formula (VGG)



wherein

R^1 , R^8 , X, Y, X^1 , Y^1 , Y^2 , J, Z^1 and Z are defined as for Formula (WHH); and reacting said compound of Formula (VGG) with a high-boiling point polar aprotic solvent and a suitable silver salt under suitably high temperature.

3. (Previously Presented) A compound of Formula (Z')



wherein

R^1 is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} thioalkyl, cyano, halo, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkylene- C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl or C_{3-6} alkynyl;
 R^8 is $O-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-N(CH_3)(OCH_3)$;

X is C;

Y is C;

X^1 is N;

Y^1 is N;

Y^2 is CH or CR^5 ;

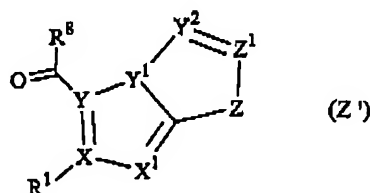
R^5 is selected from the group consisting of -CN, $-C_{1-4}$ alk(en)ylene-CN, halo, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{3-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, aryl, $-C_{1-4}$ alk(en)ylene-aryl, $-C_{1-4}$ alk(en)ylene-heterocyclo, heterocyclo, $-C_{1-4}$ alk(en)ylene-amino, $-C_{1-4}$ alkylene-amino- C_{1-4} alkyl, aryl-

amino, -amino-(C₁₋₆ alk(en)yl)₁₋₂, -amino-aryl, -amino-heterocyclo,
C₁₋₆alkoxy, -O-aryl and -O-heterocyclo;

Z¹ is C(O); and

Z is N-V, wherein V is phenyl, 2-pyridyl or 3-pyridyl substituted with two to three of the same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₆thioalkyl, C₁₋₄haloalkyl, halogen, N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂ and CN.

4. (Previously presented) A process for preparing a compound of Formula (Z')



wherein

R¹ is H, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆haloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆thioalkyl, cyano, halo, C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, -C₁₋₆alkylene-C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl or C₃₋₆alkynyl;
R⁸ is O-C₁₋₄alkyl, -N(CH₃)(OCH₃);

X is C;

Y is C;

X¹ is N;

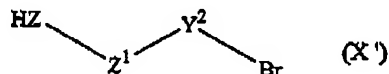
Y¹ is N;

Y² is CH or CR⁵;

R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of -CN, -C₁₋₄alk(en)ylene-CN, halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₃₋₆alkynyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, aryl, -C₁₋₄alk(en)ylene-aryl, -C₁₋₄alk(en)ylene-heterocyclo, heterocyclo, -C₁₋₄alk(en)ylene- amino, -C₁₋₄ alkylene-amino-C₁₋₄alkyl, aryl-amino, -amino-(C₁₋₆ alk(en)yl)₁₋₂, -amino-aryl, -amino-heterocyclo, C₁₋₆alkoxy, -O-aryl and -O-heterocyclo;

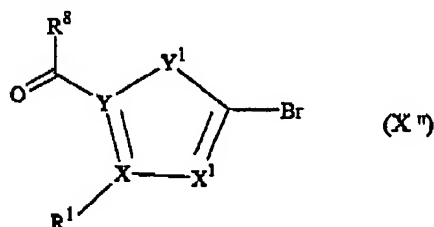
Z¹ is C(O); and

Z is N-V, wherein V is phenyl, 2-pyridyl or 3-pyridyl substituted with two to three of the same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₆thioalkyl, C₁₋₄haloalkyl, halogen, N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂ and CN;
comprising reacting a compound of Formula (X')



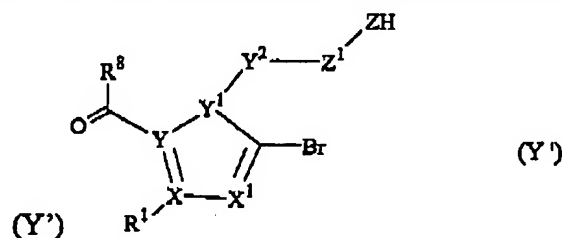
wherein

Z, Z¹ and Y² are defined as for Formula (Z');
with a compound of Formula (X'')



wherein

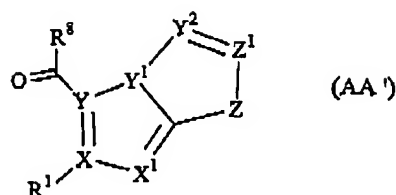
R¹, R⁸, X, Y, X¹ and Y¹ are defined as for Formula (Z');
in the presence of a suitable base and polar aprotic solvent to yield a compound of Formula



wherein

R¹, R⁸, X, Y, X¹, Y¹, Y², Z¹ and Z are defined as for Formula (Z');
and reacting said compound of Formula (Y') with a high-boiling point polar aprotic solvent and a suitable silver salt under suitably high temperature.

5. (Previously Presented) A compound of Formula (AA')



wherein

R^1 is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} thioalkyl, cyano, halo, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkylene- C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl or C_{3-6} alkynyl;

R^8 is $O-C_{1-4}$ alkyl, $-N(CH_3)(OCH_3)$;

X is C;

Y is C;

X^1 is N;

Y^1 is N;

Y^2 is CH or CR^5 ;

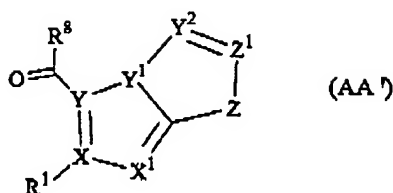
R^5 is selected from the group consisting of -CN, $-C_{1-4}$ alk(en)ylene-CN, halo, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{3-6} alkynyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, aryl, $-C_{1-4}$ alk(en)ylene-aryl, $-C_{1-4}$ alk(en)ylene-heterocyclo, heterocyclo, $-C_{1-4}$ alk(en)ylene- amino, $-C_{1-4}$ alkylene-amino- C_{1-4} alkyl, aryl-amino, -amino- $(C_{1-6}$ alk(en)yl) $_{1-2}$, -amino-aryl, -amino-heterocyclo, C_{1-6} alkoxy, -O-aryl and -O-heterocyclo;

Z^1 is CR^7 ;

wherein R^7 is chloro or bromo; and

Z is N-V, wherein V is phenyl, 2-pyridyl or 3-pyridyl substituted with two to three of the same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, C_{1-6} thioalkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, halogen, $N(C_{1-4}alkyl)_2$ and CN.

6. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a compound of Formula (AA')



wherein

R¹ is H, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆haloalkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆thioalkyl, cyano, halo, C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, -C₁₋₆alkylene-C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl or C₃₋₆alkynyl;

R⁸ is O-C₁₋₄alkyl, -N(CH₃)(OCH₃);

X is C;

Y is C;

X¹ is N;

Y¹ is N;

Y² is CH or CR⁵;

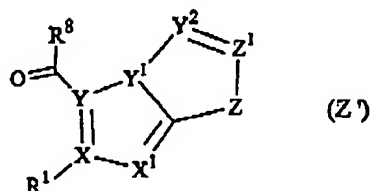
R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of -CN, -C₁₋₄alk(en)ylene-CN, halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₃₋₆alkynyl, C₁₋₆haloalkyl, aryl, -C₁₋₄alk(en)ylene-aryl, -C₁₋₄alk(en)ylene-heterocyclo, heterocyclo, C₁₋₄alk(en)ylene-amino, -C₁₋₄alkylene-amino-C₁₋₄alkyl, aryl-amino, -amino-(C₁₋₆alk(en)yl)₁₋₂, -amino-aryl, -amino-heterocyclo, C₁₋₆alkoxy, -O-aryl and -O-heterocyclo;

Z¹ is CR⁷;

wherein R⁷ is chloro or bromo; and

Z is N-V, wherein V is phenyl, 2-pyridyl or 3-pyridyl substituted with two to three of the same or different substituents selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₆thioalkyl, C₁₋₆haloalkyl, halogen, N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂ and CN;

comprising reacting a compound of Formula (Z')



wherein

R^1 , R^3 , X, Y, X^1 , Y^1 , Y^2 , and Z are defined as for Formula (AA'); and
 Z^1 is C(O);

with phosphoryl trichloride or phosphoryl tribromide, neat or with a suitable solvent and without a base or with a suitable base.